**Secondary Student Achievement Contract: Supporting secondary curriculum, learning and achievement**

What the contract requires:

• Cultural responsiveness – affirming the identity(ties) language(s) and culture(s) of every learner with a view to generating equitable outcomes

• A specific focus on the potential and success of Māori learners, Pasifika learners, and learners with special educational needs

• Implementation of the NZC and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and the realigned NCEA achievement standards

• The development of teachers’ literacy and language knowledge and skills to attend to the language demands in each learning area

**University Entrance Literacy**

Students must now achieve 10 credits in literacy instead of 8, and these credits can be gained through identified achievement standards from across the curriculum.

The literacy requirement for the new University Entrance from 2014 is:

10 credits at NCEA **Level 2 or above** made up of

•5 credits in reading

•5 credits in writing

Students who are in Year 12 this year – 2013- (who intend to enter university in 2015) will work towards meeting the new requirement of 10 literacy credits.

Students in Year 13 this year – 2013- or those intending to enter university in 2014, are not affected by the changes – they need to meet the current requirements.